

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15-27 are presently at issue.

The examiner has required election of one species in the present application. Such a requirement is proper where the species are independent, i.e., they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects. Any disclosed relationship should be discussed, and reasons advanced leading to the conclusion that the disclosed relation does not prevent restriction.

The present claims are drawn to processes for filtering aqueous liquids. The species identified include a process for filtering fruit juice, and a process for filtering fermented beverages. Applicants respectfully submit that these two species are related, as their mode of operation, function, and effect are extremely similar. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the identified species should be searched and examined together, and that no undue burden will be placed on the examiner in doing so.

Applicants further elect, with traverse, fermented beverages. All of the present claims at issue read on this species.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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